

**U.S. District Court  
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)  
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-01344-KBJ**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY

Assigned to: Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson

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Case: 1:18-cv-01337-KBJ

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

**Plaintiff**

**AMERICAN OVERSIGHT**

Date Filed: 06/06/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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| Date Filed | #        | Docket Text  |
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| 06/06/2018 | <u>1</u> | COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5520214) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 06/06/2018) |
| 06/06/2018 | <u>2</u> | NOTICE OF RELATED CASE by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. Case related to Case No. 18-cv-1337. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 06/06/2018)  |
| 06/06/2018 | <u>3</u> | LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 06/06/2018)  |

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| 06/06/2018 |           | Case Assigned to Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson. (zmd) (Entered: 06/08/2018)  |
| 06/08/2018 | <u>4</u>  | SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 06/08/2018)   |
| 07/02/2018 | <u>5</u>  | RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY served on 6/18/2018, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 6/18/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 6/11/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 7/11/2018.) (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 07/02/2018)     |
| 07/10/2018 | <u>6</u>  | Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 07/10/2018)   |
| 07/11/2018 | <u>7</u>  | NOTICE by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT re <u>6</u> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration, # <u>2</u> Exhibit A, # <u>3</u> Exhibit B, # <u>4</u> Exhibit C, # <u>5</u> Exhibit D)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 07/11/2018)  |
| 07/11/2018 | <u>8</u>  | RESPONSE re <u>6</u> Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (See Docket Entry <u>7</u> to view document) (jf) (Entered: 07/11/2018)   |
| 07/11/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER granting, for good cause shown, <u>6</u> Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Answer. IT is hereby ORDERED that Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the complaint on or before 8/10/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 07/11/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 07/11/2018)   |
| 08/10/2018 | <u>9</u>  | ANSWER to Complaint <i>and Affirmative Defenses</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.(Seabrook, April) (Entered: 08/10/2018)  |
| 09/04/2018 | <u>10</u> | GENERAL ORDER AND GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO FOIA CASES ASSIGNED TO JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON. The Court will hold the parties and counsel responsible for following these directives, and parties and counsel should pay particular attention to the Courts instructions for processing and production of records, batching motions, and filing exhibits. Failure to adhere to this Order may, when appropriate, result the imposition of sanctions and/or sua sponte denial of non-conforming motions. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 9/4/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/04/2018) |
| 09/04/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall review this Court's <u>10</u> General Order and Guidelines Applicable to FOIA Cases, and promptly confer and file a joint proposed schedule for disclosure or briefing motions for summary judgment, on or before 9/18/2018. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 09/4/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/04/2018)  |
| 09/06/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 9/18/2018 (tj) (Entered: 09/06/2018)  |
| 09/18/2018 | <u>11</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 09/18/2018)  |
| 09/18/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 10/18/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 9/18/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 09/18/2018)  |
| 10/18/2018 | <u>12</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/18/2018)  |
| 10/19/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the similar nature of this case and related case No. 18-cv-1337, this Court has determined that it will consider the cases on parallel timetables. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further   |

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|            |           | joint status report on or before 11/16/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Any proposed schedule in this matter should be the same as any schedule proposed in 18-cv-1337. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 10/19/2018. (lckbj1) (Entered: 10/19/2018)  |
| 10/23/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 11/16/2018 (hs) (Entered: 10/23/2018)   |
| 11/16/2018 | <u>13</u> | NOTICE of Appearance by Denise M. Clark on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 11/16/2018)   |
| 11/16/2018 | <u>14</u> | Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY. (Clark, Denise) (Entered: 11/16/2018)  |
| 11/21/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER. In light of the representations in the parties' <u>14</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a further joint status report on or before 12/14/2018, which shall include a proposed schedule for further proceedings if litigation is going to be necessary. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 11/21/2018. (lckbj2) (Entered: 11/21/2018)  |
| 11/21/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 12/14/2018 (tj) (Entered: 11/21/2018)   |
| 11/21/2018 |           | MINUTE ORDER requiring Plaintiff to show cause why this case should not be consolidated with American Oversight v. U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 18-cv-1337 (KBJ). American Oversight is the plaintiff in both cases, and the complaints in the two cases are mostly identical. Consequently, it is hereby ORDERED that, on or before November 30, 2018, Plaintiff shall SHOW CAUSE why the instant case should not be consolidated with the proceedings in 18-cv-1337. Signed by Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson on 11/21/2018. (lckbj2) (Entered: 11/21/2018) |
| 11/26/2018 |           | Set/Reset Deadlines: Show Cause due by 11/30/2018. (gdf) (Entered: 11/26/2018)  |
| 11/30/2018 | <u>15</u> | RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT re Order,, . (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/30/2018)  |